



State of North Carolina

PAT McCRORY
GOVERNOR

WRIT OF ELECTION AND PROCLAMATION

The January 6, 2014 resignation of former Representative Melvin L. Watt has created a vacancy in North Carolina's Twelfth Congressional District. When a vacancy occurs in the United States House of Representatives, Article I, Section 2 of the Constitution of the United States requires the Executive Authority of the state to issue a Writ of Election to fill the vacancy.

North Carolina General Statute § 163-13 requires, in addition to the issuance of a Writ of Election, a proclamation from the Governor fixing the dates of the special election and the filing period for the special election. The statute also allows the Governor to fix the absentee voting period for the special election and associated primaries.

THEREFORE, pursuant to the mandates of Article I, Section 2 of the Constitution of the United States and the provisions of North Carolina General Statute § 163-13, it is ORDERED:

1. A special election shall be held in the Twelfth Congressional District to fill the vacancy in the United States House of Representatives caused by the resignation of former Representative Melvin L. Watt.
2. The filing period for candidates in the special election shall open February 10, 2014 at noon and shall close February 28, 2014 at noon. Candidates shall file their notice of candidacy with the State Board of Elections.
3. A first special election primary, if necessary, shall be held on May 6, 2014. The absentee voting period for the first special election primary shall be set by the State Board of Elections.

4. A second special election primary, if necessary, shall be held on July 15, 2014. The absentee voting period for the second special election primary shall be set by the State Board of Elections.
5. The special general election shall be held on November 4, 2014. The absentee voting period for the special general election shall begin and end on the same dates as the absentee voting period for the regular general election, with the dates to be set by the State Board of Elections.
6. Any unaffiliated candidate who qualifies, pursuant to North Carolina General Statute § 163-122, to have their name printed on the regular general election ballot may also have their name printed on the special general election ballot, provided the candidate makes a request in writing to the State Board of Elections to be included on the special general election ballot at the time the candidate files his or her qualifying petition.
7. The State Board of Elections shall do all such things and cause all such things to be done as are necessary to implement this action.

Done in the City of Raleigh, this 6th day of January 2014.




Governor Pat McCrory